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Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This Amendment is being submitted in response to the Office Action mailed December 30, 2005 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the Office Action is due March 30, 2006. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed. Please amend the subject application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.